

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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INFORMATIONAL

TOPIC

Educational Programs

Information regarding current K-12 educational programs offered by the Iowa DNR, including the Conservation Education Center, Aquatic Education, and Project Wild, will be presented to the NRC.

Overview of programs will include an education review noting the DNR's history of working with youth and recognizing the need for conservation education.

- Springbrook Conservation Education Center (1970)
- Recreation Safety (CRD)
 - Hunting Education
 - Shooting Sports
 - Water Safety
 - ATV Safety
 - Canoeing –Water Trails
- Aquatic Education (1988)
 - Fish Iowa!, Clinics, HOFNOD, Iowa Games Casting...
 - WILD/PLT (1996)
 - IOWATER (now in ESD)
- Events (BOW, OJ, HACC - 1993)
- Parks Interpretive Program (CRD - late 1990s)

Included will be a presentation on a model program, in cooperation with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Iowa, to establish a natural resources/conservation-based curriculum for their after-school program. There will also be information regarding challenges and opportunities presented by the "No child left in the woods concept."

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